




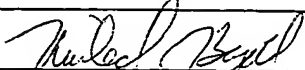
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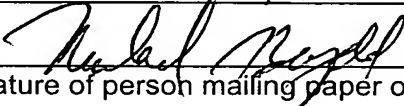
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Enclosed please find five (5) sheets of formal drawings which are to be entered in this case.

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**SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT
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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto please find a copy of Fig. 3A of the original drawings with red ink markings showing proposed changes to the drawing(s) of this application for which the approval of the Examiner is requested. A new formal drawing, incorporating the requested drawing amendment, also accompanies this Submission.

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